

HOW TO MAKE THIS TOOLKIT WORK FOR YOU

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The Government is looking at changing a law that will affect me. I want to...

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I think we need a better bus system for young people here. I want to...

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At my school, I think it would be good to have a student council. I want to...

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Every day, decisions are being made that affect young people, and it's important that young people get their voices heard by decision-makers.

The Aotearoa Youth Voices toolkit is a practical guide filled with ideas for creating positive change for young people. It is made up of different parts – Making it happen, Influencing decision-makers, and Working with the media.

The toolkit is designed so that you can use the information that applies to you and helps you identify what you want to achieve. You can dip in and out of it, depending on where you are at with your project.

01

MAKING
IT HAPPEN

If you have an idea and want to do something about it, these action guides will help you get started. They provide examples of how to create an action plan, consult with other young people, run meetings and work in a group.

02

INFLUENCING
DECISION-MAKERS

If you want to engage with your local and central government decision-makers, it's important that you understand how their processes work so you can have your say. This section provides specific ways in which you can engage with government, including presenting a submission to Parliament or a Select Committee, writing to a politician and petitioning Parliament.

03

WORKING WITH
THE MEDIA

The media is an important communication tool and one of the most effective ways of getting your message across to a lot of people. This section provides action guides on how to write a letter to the editor, tips for media interviews and how to write a media release.

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